CERTIFICATE OF MAILING Prereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope, with sufficient postage, addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Post Office Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313, on May 23, 2005 Date of Deposit Steven P. Shurtz, Reg. No. 31,424 Name of Applicant, Assignee or Registered Representative /Steven P. Shurtz/ Signature May 23, 2005 Date of Signature Our Case No.: 1391/1561 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Application of: ROBERT J. YATKA et al. Examiner: Arthur L. Corbin Serial No.: 10/712,114 Group Art Unit No.: 1761 Filing Date: November 13, 2003 METHOD OF CONTROLLING RELEASE OF For: N-SUBSTITUTED DERIVATIVES OF ASPARTAME IN CHEWING GUM AND **GUM PRODUCED THEREBY** PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a)) Mail Stop Appeal Brief - Patents Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Dear Sir: This is a petition for an extension of the time file an appeal brief for a period of three (3) months. The notice of appeal was filed December 23, 2004. The appeal brief was originally due February 23, 2005. X Applicant: claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

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